[*English*]

Withdrawal of Ration Rice Subsidy

4400. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have withdrawn the subsidy in rice supplied through ration shops; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the estimated amount to be saved by this withdrawal;

(d) whether the Government propose to continue subsidy in rationed rice to some poor States like Kerala; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

(d) and (e). There is no proposal to change the existing policy.

[*Translation*]

New Train between Ahmedabad and Bombay

4401. SHRI RATILAL VARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a demand has been made to introduce a new train between Ahmedabad and Bombay; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Examined but not found feasible at present.

[*English*]

Opening of Degree College and Polytechnics in Delhi

4402. SHRI DHARAMPAL SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open a degree college and polytechnics in Najafgarh area in Delhi during 1991-92;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) According to the information furnished by Delhi Administration, the existing polytechnics in Delhi also cater to the needs of the Najafgarh area. Delhi Administration is exploring the feasibility of opening a Degree College in Najafgarh during the year 1992-93.

Talcher-Sambalpur line

4403. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:
SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in con-